

ANNEX 8**RESOLUTION MSC.83(70)
(adopted on 10 December 1998)****ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SURVEY GUIDELINES UNDER
THE HARMONIZED SYSTEM OF SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION
(RESOLUTION A.746(18))**

THE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE,

RECALLING Article 28(b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization concerning the functions of the Committee,

RECALLING ALSO that the Assembly, when adopting resolution A.746(18) on Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification, authorized the Maritime Safety Committee and the Marine Environment Protection Committee to keep the Survey Guidelines under review for their further improvement,

NOTING that new SOLAS regulation II-1/3-4 requires that all tankers of not less than 20,000 tonnes deadweight shall be fitted with emergency towing arrangements, the design and construction of which shall be approved by the Administration based on the Guidelines adopted by the Organization by resolution MSC.35(63),

MINDFUL of the fact that the above-mentioned Guidelines do not contain any provisions for the periodical surveying of the emergency towing arrangements, other than in paragraph 3.2 therein which refers to regular inspection and maintenance,

RECOGNIZING that the exposed location and limited usage of such arrangements justify surveys to be carried out on an annual basis as a condition for the issuance and endorsement of the Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate or the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate, as appropriate,

BEING AWARE that new SOLAS regulation IV/15.9, adopted by resolution MSC.69(69), requires that satellite EPIRBs shall be tested at intervals not exceeding 12 months for all aspects of operational efficiency with particular emphasis on frequency stability, signal strength and coding,

HAVING CONSIDERED the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee on Radiocommunications and Search and Rescue at its third session and the Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation at its sixth session,

1. ADOPTS amendments to the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (resolution A.746(18)), the text of which is set out in the Annex to the present resolution;
2. INVITES Governments carrying out surveys in accordance with resolution A.746(18) to take appropriate steps to implement the amendments annexed to this resolution.

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**6 GUIDELINES FOR SURVEYS FOR THE CARGO SHIPS SAFETY CONSTRUCTION
CERTIFICATE**

6.2 Annual surveys

1 At the end of subparagraph .12 of paragraph 6.2.3, the full stop is replaced by a semi-colon.

2 The following new subparagraph .13 is added after existing sub-paragraph .12 of paragraph 6.2.3:

"(CA) .13 examining the emergency towing arrangements (SOLAS regulation II-1/3-4) to ensure ready availability."

3 The existing text of subparagraph .1 of paragraph 6.2.4 is replaced by the following:

"(CA) .1 the provisions of (CA) 6.2.3.1 and (CA) 6.2.3.13."

6.3 Intermediate surveys

4 The existing text of subparagraph .1 of paragraph 6.3.4 is replaced by the following:

"(CIn) .1 the provisions of (CA) 6.2.3.1 and (CA) 6.2.3.13."

6.4 Renewal surveys

5 The existing text of subparagraph .1 of paragraph 6.4.3 is replaced by the following:

"(CR) .1 the provisions of (CA) 6.2.3.1 to 6.2.3.12 and (CIn) 6.3.3.2 to 6.3.3.4";

6 The following new subparagraph .2 is added after the above subparagraph .1 of paragraph 6.4.3:

"(CR) .2 thoroughly examining the emergency towing arrangements (SOLAS regulation II 1/3-4) to ensure ready availability."

7 At the end of subparagraph .1 of paragraph 6.4.4, the full stop is replaced by a semi-colon.

8 The following new subparagraph .2 is added after existing subparagraph .1 of paragraph 6.4.4:

"(CR) .2 thoroughly examining the emergency towing arrangements (SOLAS regulation II-1/3-4) to ensure ready availability."

8 GUIDELINES FOR SURVEYS FOR THE CARGO SHIP SAFETY RADIO CERTIFICATE

8a.1 Initial surveys

9 The existing text of subparagraph .17.4 of paragraph 8a.1.2 is replaced by the following:

"(RI) .17.4 checking that the EPIRB identification (ID) is clearly marked on the outside of the equipment and decoding the EPIRB identity number and other information from the transmitted signal."

10 The following new subparagraphs .17.7, .17.8, .17.9 and .17.10 are added after existing subparagraph .17.6 of paragraph 8a.1.2:

"(RI) .17.7 checking the frequency of the 406 MHz signal without transmission of a distress call to the satellites;

(RI) .17.8 if possible, checking the frequency of the 121.5 MHz homing signal without activating the satellite system;

(RI) .17.9 after the above checking, remounting the EPIRB in its bracket, checking that no transmission has been started;

(RI) .17.10 checking that the EPIRB has been maintained at an approved testing or servicing station, if appropriate."
